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## Injunction stops no - growth ordinance

### Oakland politics—unity?

Whether or not Alameda County C.O.P.E. involves itself in campaigning for a candidate for Mayor in Oakland's April 17 election will probably depend on whether some kind of united front can be developed around an acceptable candidate. C.O.P.E. leaders have indicated.

That means not only unity among the various groups in organized labor — ILWU, Teamsters and United Auto Workers as well as AFL-CIO building trades and C.O.P.E. — but also among political office holders whose own campaign organizations are likely to be put to work.

The prospects are hopeful, although not at all certain, according to Richard K. Groulx, executive secretary-treasurer of the Central Labor Council and C.O.P.E.

Representatives of the various labor groups met early this month with the office holders — Senator Nick Petris, Senator John Holmdahl, Assemblyman John Miller, Assemblyman Ken Meade, Supervisors Tom Bates and Fred Cooper, and representatives of Congressman Ronald Dellums and Assemblywoman March Fong Groulx was encouraged by the discussion.

C.O.P.E. had called the meeting, he said, because "if we are going to work at cross purposes, we might as well save our money." It might plunge into a run-off if there

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### A plea for help

Farah striker Jaime Soldano (far right) visited the Central Labor Council January 15 to ask for contributions to the Farah Strikers Distress Fund and support for the national boycott of Farah pants. With him here are, from left, Stan Clair, union label representative of Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Pat Sanders, first vice-president of the labor council; Richard Groulx, secretary-treasurer of the council; and Carla Chavez, of La Raza Unida, who escorted Solano to several union meetings.

### Bruce Groulx sentenced for picket offense

Bruce Groulx, business representative of Government and Service Employees, has been placed on probation for one year and fined \$400 for his part in the picket line fracas at the University of California on June 8, 1972.

He had pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of battery on a member of the campus police force and was sentenced in Superior Court on January 19.

He was also ordered to pay \$55 in restitution for a broken glass door.

### La Raza Unida makes Farah strike its own

Mass picketing of bay area stores selling Farah pants is being organized with the help of La Raza Unida, representatives of Amalgamated Clothing Workers report. The most recent such demonstration took place at the Emporium in San Francisco on Friday and Saturday, January 19 and 20, and plans are being made for informational demonstrations at Capwell's in Oakland.

Both are part of the Broadway-Hale chain which owns about 140 major department stores throughout the country,

according to Phil Siegel, of the clothing workers' Northern California Joint Board. The chain is turning out to be, in effect, a formidable ally of Farah, whose president (according to the New York Times) "swore that Farah would never be unionized."

La Raza Unida has adopted the struggle as its own cause because most of the 3,000 workers who are in their 10th month of a strike against the Farah plant in El Paso, are Mexican-Americans who are moving into the mainstream of American life for the first time.

The organization planned and manned the lines at the Emporium and union representatives monitored them, Siegel reported.

Bishop S. M. Metzger of El Paso has been instrumental in gaining the support of many other religious leaders throughout the country. The right to collective bargaining is a matter of social justice, and so are negotiated wage increase and production standards, leaves for illness and consideration of the workers' dignity, the Bishop said in a letter sent to all the Roman Catholic Bishops in the United States.

The Bishop notes that at three other apparel firms under contract with the ACWA in Texas the workers average a take-home pay of \$102 a week — compared with the \$69 at Farah. "In terms of social justice \$3588 (the annual pay) is not an adequate living wage

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## CLC re-elects its leaders

Top leaders of the Alameda County Central Labor Council were returned to office last Monday in a festive spirit of unanimity. It was the second meeting for nominations and there hadn't been an audible whisper of opposition to the incumbent administration. Only the membership of two committee remained to be decided in balloting this next Monday.

The number of candidates for the CLC's Executive Board — 24 — also came out even with the number of seats on the board, and most of them were incumbents.

A motion to "cast a white ballot" for the nominees for all the uncontested seats was passed unanimously at the January 29 meeting, and they were declared elected. This included members of the In-

vestigating Committee, of the Newspaper Advisory Committee, and of the Union Label Committee.

ON FEBRUARY 5, in the regularly scheduled election, delegates will choose members of the Law and Legislation Committee and the Community Services Committee.

Heading the council for another two years are: president, Russell Crowell; first vice-president, Pat Sander; second vice-president Tom Anderson; executive secretary-treasurer, Richard K. Groulx; and sergeant at arms, Millie Rogers. Trustee Ben Tusi will serve three years, overlapping terms of other trustees who were not up for election this year.

EXECUTIVE BOARD members elected were: Paul Crockett, Retail Clerks 870; C. D.

Parket, Industrial Iron and Metal Processing Workers 1088; Florence Graham, Glass Bottle Blowers 141; El Logue, Machinists 284; Jim Booe, Communication Workers 9490; Ed Cordeiro, Carmen 192; Carl Jaramillo, Paint Makers 1975; A. J. Silva, United Telegraph Workers 208; Bob Luster, Laundry Workers 2; John Ring, Hospital Workers 250; Lloyd Ferber, Machinists 1304; Joe Medeiros, Culinary Workers and Bartenders 823; Sam Zagami, Musicians 510; Les Moore, Auto and Ship Painters 1176; Vince Fulco, Auto Salesmen 1095; John Bigelow, Fire Fighters 1428; Dave Reese, I.B.E.W. (utility workers) 1245; Emil Du Beau, Service Employees 18; Leah Newberry, Office Employees

### SAVE laws can't be enforced

An Alameda County Superior Court judge has issued permanent injunctions against Livermore and Pleasanton which will halt enforcement of the controversial SAVE anti-growth law. The Judge said that the effect of the SAVE ordinance was to "erect a wall around the cities against any new construction of residential building. This is reminiscent of the walled cities of antiquity."

The City of Livermore will appeal this ruling in the Appellate Court while Pleasanton City Council has decided to accept the injunction.

LAMAR CHILDERS, business representative of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda County, hailed the ruling as "an important victory for the entire construction industry."

"For our members who normally work in that area it is obviously a direct matter of the opportunity to earn a living, but there are larger issues involved, too," Childers said. "An arbitrary prohibition on growth can never be considered good planning. The court confirmed our position that an initiative or referendum is not an appropriate way to handle such complicated administrative functions as zoning."

JUDGE LYLE COOK said the ordinance was invalid and void because it was overly broad in scope and lacking in

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HAILING THE INJUNCTION to stop no-growth ordinances was Lamar Childers, business representative of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda County.



# How to buy

## ... curb on repossession

Installment buyers sometimes suffer harrasing collection tactics involving seizures of goods without warning. Often cars and household goods are repossessed, even after the buyer has paid more than the real worth.

When you buy a car or home equipment on time, there usually is a fine-print clause in your contract stating that the creditor has the right to repossess the property if you default. Generally the contract says he can do so without your permission, even if he has to enter your premises.

Lawyers call this practice "self-help repossession." Many self-help repossessions involve "trespass, deceit, fraud and even perjury," Ralph Stone, a St. Louis Legal Aid attorney and himself a former auto dealer, told the National Commission on Consumer Finance at its 1970 hearings. Some high-pressure creditors have been know to repossess cars when only one or two payments were in default.

An increasingly critical attitude is developing among courts and other authorities towards repossession without giving debtors a chance to tell their side. Last year the U.S. Supreme Court declared unconstitutional Pennsylvania and Florida laws permitting such seizures without notice and court process. In the Florida case, a woman had bought a range and a stereo set from a Firestone store there. She stopped payments when an argument arose over the servicing of the gas range, which was covered by a service contract.

In the Pennsylvania case the "replevin" (repossession) law there was successfully challenged by a group of installment purchasers who had disputes with Sears Roebuck and other stores over debts.

In general, the Court said that property can't be taken without a hearing. While the decision applied directly to the two states, most credit authorities seem to believe that similar repossession laws in most other states are affected.

Even though contracts may waive such right to notice and hearing, the Supreme Court pointed out that there was no bargaining over the terms and that the parties in any case were far from equal in bargaining power. Such contract provisions, the Court realistically observed, are a printed part of contract forms and a necessary condition of the sale.

Shortly after the Supreme Court decision, a U.S. District Court declared that Rhode Island law permitting attachments without prior judicial notice or hearing is unconstitutional.

In another case, the Federal District Court for Southern California also ruled that "self help" repossession was unconstitutional.

Even before the Supreme Court decision, a court in New

York had ruled that a Syracuse woman was within her rights in refusing to surrender her furniture on demand when she fell behind in payments due to her husband's illness.

But be warned that the decisions requiring creditors to provide notice and a chance to tell your side in court do not mean you can just stop payments in case of a dispute over a purchase or the guarantee or service provided.

The trend to bar this 600-year old harrasment really means only that the creditor must take an additional step

to repossess. In case of default the seller or finance company must go to court and present the facts while you are given a chance — if you use it — to tell your side. In case of a dispute, it would be safest to have a lawyer notify the seller or finance company that you intend to pursue your defenses, or at least send a registered letter to that effect. If the creditor seeks the court order that now appears to be necessary, it is vital that you be prepared to go to court to tell your side.

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THE EVIDENCE to back up all those calls to the boss from workers couldn't get to the job on time during recent rain storms is clear in this photo, taken on Lakeshore Ave. while the photographer's car was stalled in the river under the freeway. Auto machinists report that floods were calf-high outside of their garages in East Oakland and water covering sidewalks lapped at the doors of showrooms and shops. High tides and overflowing creeks complicated the problem in both places.

## Teamsters' council elects Goldberger

Jack Goldberger was elected President of Teamsters Joint Council 7 by unanimous action of the Joint Council Delegates at the January Council

nominating meeting. He succeeds Joseph Diviny, who retired.

A 'white ballot' was cast for Secretary-Treasurer Mark O'Reilly and Recording Secretary Rudy Tham.

Goldberger's former position, the Vice President's office, is a four way contest. Nominated are Vince Aloise, of Local 315, Bob Hage, of Local 85, Fred Parades, of Local 588, and Richard Sequeria, of Local 923.

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## 40% of 'housewives' blame unions for high food prices

If a national survey of 8,923 housewives provides even a reasonably accurate portrayal of their views, labor unions have a tremendous educational job to do among them.

Asked "to what you most attribute" the rise in retail food prices, 40 per cent of the housewives answers "labor unions"; 28 per cent said "food retailers"; 26 per cent replied "government policy"; and 6 per cent responded "farmers, growers, cattlemen." ('Housewives' is the term used by the survey report.)

Supermarket News com-

missioned the survey, and employers in the food industry are undoubtedly welcome of the news that the public thinks the unions are the villains.

But the Wall Street Journal, in checking out the reason for high meat prices found it "more sensible to blame a world meat shortage born of rising affluence. And it doesn't show any signs of abating," agricultural traders say.

Wholesale prices for food at "raw" level went up faster and higher under President Nixon's Phase II wage controls than at any time in recent history.

## Big GM recall —steering flaw

General Motors Corp. has called back 3.7 million cars, almost all the full-sized cars made in 1971 and 1972, for a possible steering defect.

The Center for Auto Safety, a Ralph Nader organization, said the GM announcement "seriously downplays the gravity of the GM steering lockup defect" and came late — 10 months after the corporation had been informed of it.

The center said it had received letters concerning 24 vehicles involved in 37 cases of steering interference and 16 crashes, resulting in nine injuries.

The correction involves installation of an inexpensive shield to protect the mechanism from flying stones, but it will cost the corporation a total of \$15 million if most owners have it done.

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# Oakland Politics—Unity?

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is one — that is, if no candidate gets a majority on April 17 — but there might not be a run-off.

Labor and the legislators continued discussion of the problem informally, each in their own corner.

Meanwhile, top C.O.P.E. officers have met informally and separately with all of the declared candidates: Otho Green, John Sutter, Bobby Seale and Mayor John Reading.

"These were purely exploratory discussions, to help us get the lay of the land," Groulx said. "They are not, in any way, a substitute for C.O.P.E.'s regular interviewing procedure."

It is too early to even say that there is tentative agreement at the top level and if there were, it would be subject to approval by various organizations. But, as Groulx sees it, "the atmosphere is better than it has been for years. The success of labor unity in electing Tom Bates to the Board of Supervisors has a lot to do with it."

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# CLC re-elects its leaders

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29; Dorathy Christiansen, United Public Employees 390; Dave Creque, Teachers 771; Dan Hennigan, Stationary Engineers 39; and Dave Aroner, Social Service Workers 535.

The 12 nominees for Community Services Committee are contesting 10 seats. They are Willie Price, George Read, Carl Jaramillo, Loren Blasingame, Frank White, Norm Heald, Bill Burks, Woodfin Threats, A. J. Silva, Laurel Burley, Ken Beasley, and Steve Martin.

One of the important functions of the Community Services Committee is to operate the council's Blood Bank. It also makes recommendations concerning help to such agencies as the United Bay Area Crusade, and has involved itself in such concerns as support for Measure G for Parks and Recreation. Sometimes it makes recommendations for labor representatives to serve on community bodies.

**THE LAW AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE** is responsible for considering any proposed changes in the council's constitution and by-

laws and meets on call. The last important change it made was in 1967 when it brought voting procedures and other provisions into conformity with national AFL-CIO rules governing local central bodies.

Six nominees are seeking five seats on this committee: Al Kidder, Freddie Martin, Les Moore, Richard K. Groulx, A. J. Silva, and Vince Riddle.

**THE NEWSPAPER ADVISORY COMMITTEE** meets jointly with a like number of representatives of the Building and Construction Trades Council to guide the business affairs of the East Bay Labor Journal. Those elected by the CLC last Monday were: Carl Jaramillo, Vern Duarte, Les Moore, and Dave Creque. The executive secretary-treasurer, Richard K. Groulx, serves on the committee by virtue of his office.

**THE UNION LABEL COMMITTEE** has 15 members. Elected after a point was made of verifying acceptances by those nominated, the following were declared elected: Carl Lawler, Myrtle Banks, Larry Elizalde, Jessie Cooksey, Norm Heald, Crawford Johnson, Vince Fulco, Freddie Martin, Bill Castro, Ed Collins, Jody

Kerrigan, Laurel Burley, Charles Garner, Lou Celaya, and Vince Riddle.

Its function is to promote the purchase of goods bearing union labels and of services in establishments displaying union cards.

**THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE** verifies the credentials of new delegates and gives them the information they need in order to serve. Members elected are: Bill Zubiate, Ken Crosswell, Buford Stanley, Charles Stevenson, Mae Coleman Williams, Tom Quaipe, Mel Ferreira, Manny Pontes, and Dorathy Christiansen.

## Another IAM local in CLC

Several delegates of Local Lodge 1518 of the International Association of Machinists were seated by the Alameda County Central Labor Council on January 22, including the union's executive officer, business representative Richard Lord.

Both production locals of the IAM joined the council this month.

Local 1518 represents workers in electronics, can and other manufacturing plants and, including retirees, has some 2,500 to 3,000 members, Lord reported.

Its biggest plant, the Frieden business machine division of Singer, in San Leandro, has laid off a lot of workers, Lord said, because of foreign competition. Singer itself has manufacturing plants all over the world.

Unemployment caused by plants going abroad and to low-wage states in the South was discussed at the California Conference of Machinists held last weekend, Lord reported, and great emphasis was placed on the need to win enactment of the Burke-Hartke foreign trade bill. Lord noted that the import of cars involves the import also of much steel, plastic and other products that should normally employ American workers.

Other delegates from Local 1518 to the CLC are: Donald Ramos, Sydney Wallace, Clyde Bailey, Charles Suggs, Robert Moffatt, Robert Mendoes, Earl Jackson, John Escoto, and Fred Roeken.

## La Raza Unida makes Farah strike its own

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in our day of a family in El Paso", he adds.

Jaime Soldano, a striker from El Paso, and Stan Clair, union label representative of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, appealed to delegates to the Central Labor Council recently for contributions to help hard-pressed strikers.

The international union has been giving regular assistance of \$30 per week to each striker and has arranged contributions of several truckloads of food and warm clothing to El Paso, but ad-

ditional help is needed to meet emergencies and the accumulating strain on families.

Checks may be made to Farah Strikers Distress Fund and mail in care of Tom Hope, P.O. Box 26842, El Paso, Texas 79926.

Even more important, ACWA spokesmen said, is for union families to write managements of stores selling Farah slacks that they will not buy the pants and will stay away from the stores as long as they are sold. It would help to send copies of such letters to Amalgamated Clothing Workers, 26 Seventh St., San Francisco, Ca. 94103.

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## SAVE laws can't be enforced

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reasonable definable, administrative standards and procedures. The decision also says that SAVE violates the U.S. and California Constitutions.

Attorney Robert Burnstein, representing the Associated Home Builders of the Greater Eastbay, the plaintiff, argued that a zoning ordinance cannot be enacted by the initiative procedure in a general law city. Secondly, he contended that SAVE pre-empts the State Subdivision Map Act. And in his third point, he claimed that a building freeze was an illegal freeze on building. He also attacked it on "the unconstitutional vagueness of its standards."

Before the April, 1972 election when the Initiative passed in Livermore by a margin of 6,339 to 5,159 and in Pleasanton by 3,710 to 3,240, Burnstein had filed suits on behalf of two unemployed carpenters from these cities to prevent the measure from being placed on the ballot.

The Judge denied the petition to keep the measure off the ballot and called it "vague and unenforceable," but he felt there was a question of freedom of speech involved.

**THE SAVE ORDINANCES** grew out of a movement in late 1971 to stymie growth in the Livermore-Pleasanton area. The three problem areas cited in SAVE were schools, sewer and water facilities. If any one of these are inadequate, SAVE required a freeze on building permits until they were made "satisfactory." According to Judge Cook, "there is not adequate definition of the word 'satisfactory' in the ordinance."

Opponents also argued that SAVE could even prevent a man whose home burned down from building a replacement or from building a patio or fence.

The legal battle is far from over and will probably go to the California Supreme Court or possibly the highest court in the land. But the injunctions remain permanent while the suit is being appealed and heard.



# Chips and Chatter

**Carpenters 36** by Gunnar (Benny) Benonys

Last week's SPECIAL CALLED MEETING, Thursday, Jan. 18, 1973 was well attended by over 150 members who came to discuss and vote on three main items.

First, the question of a third Business Agent. Many members voiced their opinions, but pro and con as to whether there was a real need, at this time. Basically, two votes were taken.

The first vote, on a motion to table the question, carried by a count of 88 for to 34 against!

A secondary motion, to reconsider, failed to carry the required two thirds majority by a count of 73 for reconsideration to 78 against.

These decisive votes, by you, the membership, obviously indicate the emphatic feeling and objection to a third Business Agent position at this time.

Brothers, thank you, one and all for attending and expressing your opinions and votes. You made the meeting interesting and viable by your presence and participation!

Your actions in re-affirming the establishment of the Defense Fund was a great step in creating protection of the membership that might become affected by a strike or other economic job actions.

With regard to the main third question, on the continuance of the present \$30 dollars per month International pension, which is now in jeopardy for lack of adequate financing, all members have been notified via the "Carpenter Journal" and a special mailing of the serious situation now facing all of us.

You will be notified at a later date to attend one of two special meetings, Friday, 2nd of March and Monday, 5th of March, to vote on the proposition of a needed \$1.25 per member per month to maintain the present \$30. dollars a month pension.

A special mailing will be made to your last known address in the near future. Be sure we have your proper address.

On our Sick, Injured and Recovery list are Brothers Milton W. Barber, Clarence Chase, Howard B. Deen, Lloyd E. Griffen, Edwin J. Herzog, Russell B. Lentz, Richard Morrell, John Clapp, and George F. Weiser.

The Master Carpenter has called the following Brothers and Sisters, Walter Andrews, a member for 38 years and 75 years of age; Richard Catone, 46 years of age and

a member since 1958; Fred Fincken, (a former officer) a member for 50 years and was 89 years of age; Charles A. McNeal, a member for 15 years and was 60 years of age; Reuben Olson, 67 years of age and a member for 35 years; Charles Pekonen, a member for 32 years and was 82 years of age; Joseph J. Platzer, a member for 30 years and was 75 years old; John P. Willis, a member for 29 years and was 69 years old.

Also passing away, were Sisters Mrs. Bette Robertson, wife of Bro. Robert W. Robertson; and Mrs. Catherine Schroeder, wife of Bro. Frederick L. Schroeder.

OPERATION PAPERBACK extends a great big "Thanks" to Brother Charles R. Hoover for his donation of two big boxes of paperbacks, and to Fritts Golden for his donation of books.

CONTRACT PENSION AWARDS were made to the following Brothers;

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LOCAL 35, SAN RAFAEL, Edwin E. Brown, Frank Campagna, Jr., Ernest E. Grandi, Lonnie R. Hardy, Luther I. Robinson, Edwin H. Winkler.

LOCAL 34, PILEDRIVERS, Vincent F. Barstow, Louis V. Brock, Joseph A. Rhodes, M. D. Scheibly.

LOCAL 642, RICHMOND, Henry A. Banttarri, James M. Glaze, Oscar M. Jackson, Clarence D. Smith, Trevor W. Whitson.

Local 1158, BERKELEY, Daniel C. Adams.

LOCAL 1473, FRUITVALE, Tony M. Jimenez and Oscar G. Kennedy.

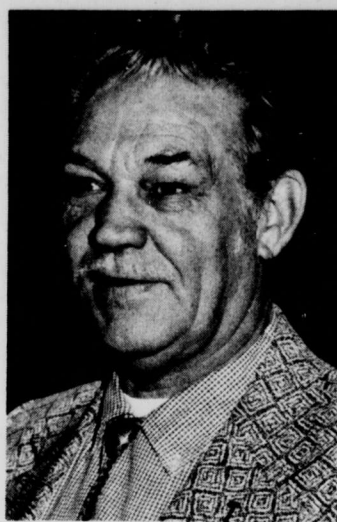
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LOCAL 2046, Martinez, Alfred J. Abono, Raymond Cortez, Victor J. Costanza, Raphael L. Erspamer, Theodore W. Gibson, Joe G. Greene, Harry B. Hoel, Earl D. Johnson, James W. Johnson, Lester H. Morris, John F. Mount, A. K. Neal, John M. Quick, Obert L. Schlenz, Ray Tooke, Roy M. VandeVeer.

The following pre-retirement death benefits were approved by the pension approval committee to Mrs. Aileen G. Duggan, widow of Brother James W. Duggan (Local 1622) and to Mrs. Betty L. Dutra, widow of Brother George Dutra (Local 1622).

Total pension awards to date are 9,636!

Brother Harry Harbison celebrated his 91st birthday on Jan. 22, 1973. He will have 69 years of membership in



**THIS WEEK'S COLUMNIST: "Uncle Benny",** the chatty author of Chips and Chatter, is Gunnar Benonys, business representative of Carpenters Local 36. For several years he was an Apprenticeship Consultant with the state Division of Apprenticeship Standards.

Local 36 in March, 1973!

Nathan and Charlotte Anderson celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Jan. 21, 1973! He has been a member for 32 years.

Uncle Benny claims that men do make passes at girls who wear glasses — it depends on their frames!

Li'll GeeGee, our office vamp says, "And then there's the one about the bashful girl who worked all her crossword puzzles vertically so she wouldn't have to come across!"

Cousin Wilson says, "Man who lose key to girl's apartment, get no new key!"

**WAGE INCREASES** scheduled for June 1, 1973 are as follows, .20 cents increase in Pensions, (from .55 to .75 per. hr.); an additional .05 cents to be applied to fringes, (to be selected) and a scheduled wage increase of .75 cents per hr. This makes a total package of .90 pr. hr.

The Contract Industry Stabilization Board will take these items under submission some time around March. We will find out later if they are approved or reduced, or not allowed at all.

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# Ironworkers 378

by Dick Zampa

Our 1973 pocket calendars are now ready and you may pick one up at the Union Hall if you have not already received one in the mail with your dues receipt. We also have received the new International Constitution and they are available upon your request.

We have been receiving a lot of inquiries from relatives and friends of our members in reference to becoming an apprentice ironworker. I would like to say, first of all that we started an apprentice class in September, 1971, and these fellows had been in a waiting list for better than a year. This was the first new class started in almost two years. This, of course, was due to the shortage of work. There are some qualifications that are required before you can even apply. These are listed below:

1. You must be between the ages of 18 and 30 years.
2. A high school diploma will not qualify you. You must have a satisfactory score in the General Education Development Test (G.E.D.). By a satisfactory score is meant the achievement of a minimum score of 35 in each of the individual tests and a minimum score of 45 for the entire group test. This test is not given by the Local Unions but is administered by the local Department of Education in your area.
3. After having passed this examination satisfactorily, you

then must wait until the Local Union joint Apprenticeship Committee sets a date for receiving applications.

4. When you appear at the time and date set by the J.A.C., you must have your G.E.D. results, and a proof of birth.

I will repeat, after passing the examination you must wait for the proper time to apply. If you know of someone interested in becoming an apprentice ironworker, these are the first steps to be taken and should be done well in advance as they are time consuming. A notice will appear in this column when applications will be accepted.

I would like to remind you of the dues increase effective January 1, 1973. Journeymen dues are \$11.25. Apprentice dues are \$10.75 plus working assessments, and Honorary members are \$6.40. When paying your dues by mail, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. This insures prompt return of your receipts and helps keep the cost of operating the office at a minimum.

The following are some of our sick members: John Touchstone, Dee Stiles, Jr., Ira Dale Mays, Henry Wright, Earl Patz and Charlie Russell, Rex Fedford, Al Magnuson, John Terkelsen, George Askew, Oscar Bohrer.

Attend your Union meetings regularly! Our next regular meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Friday February 9, 1973.

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# Steam Fitters Notes

Local 342

by Doyle Williams

In our last article we attempted to illustrate the importance of our membership becoming politically active on all fronts. In this issue we will point out an area that directly affects us as consumers and would provide employment for our membership. We hope that all of our members and for that matter ALL OF THE CONSUMERS that may read this will register a protest in writing to their respective representatives on a State and local level.

**THE PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO.** is a public utility and should be operated on the most efficient and competitive manner which is in the best interest of their consumers who purchase their products. All of the Building Trades Crafts have had problems with P.G.&E. for performing new construction work with their maintenance forces. If their maintenance forces could perform the new work more economically for us, the consumers, that would be one thing.

However, P.G.&E. will not furnish us the material, man-hour and-or the cost breakdown on any of their jobs so that a comparison could be made in order to determine if it is more economically feasible to contract all new construction work out to competitive bidding. This indicates to us that there are hidden costs that are passed on to the consumers to absorb which wouldn't be possible if competitive bidding were allowed.

**IT'S A DISGRACE** and scandal when a public utility can operate in an all powerful manner as P.G.&E. does. Specifically, I'm referring to

the recently built California Aquaduct and the Division of Highways.

The California Aquaduct was installed and paid for by the California taxpayers who are consumers of P.G.&E. During construction of the canal, whenever the right-of-way crossed an existing P.G.&E. gasline, there had to be a relocation of the existing line — usually this meant the line had to be taken up and re-fabricated where it would cross over the canal. The same situation exists on the construction of freeways when the existing lines have to be taken up and relocated along another right-of-way. All of the above requires extensive work and many man-hours.

**OUR PROTEST** is that there is no competitive bidding process — P.G.&E. dictates "their costs alone" to the State which is accepted blindly and is subsequently paid for by the taxpayers with no apparent cost breakdown to our knowledge. When we brought this question up as to why P.G.&E. didn't make a practice of going out to competitive bids as other large corporations do, we were told by P.G.&E. that "just because other corporations do it's no reason by P.G.&E. should do the same."

This attitude is part of the reason why you the consumer will be forced to pay higher gas rates next month. Don't you think a protest letter is needed? I will have more on this in the next issue.

We want to announce that Journeyman Refrigeration and Welding classes will start on Wednesday, February 7, 1973. The first 20 members to sign up will be accepted.

# Mail Bag

To the Editor:

I read the East Bay Labor Journal each week to my husband who is totally disabled, brain damage and blind. He has always been a dedicated unionist since joining Sheet Metal Workers, New Jersey 1945 and Local 216 since 1958.

I would like to know if you could please insert this enclosed "Thank You" note to the members of his union. Many thanks. I enjoy your editorials — they have substance.

Sincerely

Mrs. Albert Rodriguez  
(Certainly, Mrs. Rodriguez; glad to help. Here is the note:)  
To the members of Sheet Metals Workers Local 216:

Many thanks for the gift certificates which were presented to us for the holidays. We are deeply grateful for being remembered.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rodriguez

# Watchmakers

by George F. Allen

**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** — If you have a medical claim that has been mailed to the office awaiting payment, please bear with us — your claim will be processed and paid just as quickly as possible. We sincerely hope that if you come in this category, you will have received payment on your medical claim by the time you receive this column.

Alice Belisle, the lady who processes and pays all claims has had more than her share of bad luck this past year. Recently, her husband had a bad accident and complications set in; therefore, she has been unable to come to our office. We have been in constant contact with her and yesterday, January 23rd, she was hoping to get to our office this Thursday, January 25th.

Inasmuch as our members are accustomed to very prompt service on all medical claims, we regret the delay on those already received by us, and trust those members with claims awaiting payment will understand and be assured that they will receive payment as soon as possible.

**WATCH REPAIR BENCH WANTED:** If you have a bench in good condition and wish to sell it — telephone the union office — 421-1968.

**SAN FRANCISCO MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 15, 1973 at 7:30 p.m. — Union Office, 785 Market Street, Room 510, San Francisco.

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Barbers 134

# An education for clip artists

by Jack M. Reed

Brothers, reporting on the California State Barbers Association Barber Show that was held at the Hilton Hotel in San Francisco last Sunday. Local 134 was well represented. President Ray Luciano was on the booth committee, Sabio Carabello was on the "wise men" committee, Joe Costa was one of the Judges, Arnie Fields work in the R. K. booth in a white suit yet, and yours truly served as tally chairman.

The Gold Cup was won by Richard Cannady of Monterey who stated that this was the first competition he had ever entered. What could he do for an encore? Many of our brothers were in attendance and some took the workshops that were conducted by world champion William Ratley, of San Jose, and silver medalists Sogi Moigi and Joseph De Franco. With such talent at our doorstep it was a pity that many of our members did not take advantage of this opportunity. Especially our members who are watching customers pass by their shop and wonder why business is so bad.

Although this show was the last annual Northern California Barber Show to be sponsored by the California State Association, a new format is expected to be instituted next year. The International will be invited to sponsor one show each year alternating between Los Angeles and San Francisco while the State Association will sponsor one show alternating between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

This will give the International an opportunity to upgrade and educate its members in any state that it is invited to do so. One advantage to our local area

members will be the bringing in of nationwide platform artists and providing workshops by nationwide stars. (up to now we haven't done so bad in these respects) and taking the financial risk of producing an annual show.

The majority of our members have no idea what it costs and how much free labor in planning and work is involved in the shows that have been produced for your benefit in the past and as one who has served in every one of them I am proud to say that the shows were professional. I am proud of the talented people who were involved in producing these shows, and last of all brothers they were **DAMN GOOD SHOWS.**

I am well tired of hearing ignorant "scabs" as well as some of our own members say "WHAT GOOD IS THE UNION?" Let me ask "WHAT GOOD IS A SCAB?" and "WHERE WOULD THE SCABS BE IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE UNION TO MAINTAIN STANDARDS?" Some of our own members would do well to read the purpose of our organization as printed in the Preamble (front) of your International dues books and Local's Constitution and By-Laws.

The Executive Board and myself would like to thank Brother Harry Hosac for officiating at the installation of officers at the January meeting and thank all the brothers who attended. As posted in the Official Meeting Notices our monthly meetings will be held on the **THIRD THURSDAY** of each month until further notice. Resolve to leave the 'boob tube' and attend a union meeting once in awhile.

Brothers Joe Pinzini and Vince Burda are on the sick list.

# Typographical Auxiliary

The next regular monthly business meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary No. 26 will be on Tuesday, February 13, at 10:30 a.m. at the St. James Episcopal Church, 12th Avenue and Foothill Blvd., Oakland.

Bring your sandwich.

(The auxiliary is an organization of wives and relatives of members of Oakland Typographical Union 36 and San Francisco-Oakland Mailers 18).

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# OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

**AUTO-SHIP PAINTERS 1176**  
Auto, Marine & specialty Painters 1176 meets on the first and third Tuesday of every month in Room H, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, at 8 p.m. **LESLIE K. MOORE**, Business Representative.

**AMALGAMATED CRAFTS**  
Regular meetings held first Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, Room H. Third Floor. **VERN DUARTE**, Financial Secretary.

**ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194**  
There will be a special called meeting of Carpenters 194 for the purpose of voting on a change in the per capita tax of the International Pension.

Carpenters Local 194 meets the first and third Monday evening of the month at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building, located at 2201 Central Avenue, Alameda. Refreshments are served following each meeting in the Canteen for all present. You are urged to attend your Local's meeting. **WM. "BILL" LEWIS**, Recording Secretary.

**BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158**  
Pursuant to the action of the District Council of Carpenters, starting January 1, 1973, dues will be \$14.75 per month. Blood bank assessment No. 23 is now due and payable.

**NOTICE**  
When sending in your dues by mail, please send to **Wm. Mahaffey**, 2315 Valdez Street, Room 220-A, Oakland, California 94612. **NICK J. AFDAMO**, Recording Secretary.

**BARBERS 134**  
The regular February meeting will be held on Thursday night February 8, 1973 at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

**DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND THE BARBER SHOW AT THE HILTON HOTEL IN SAN FRANCISCO, CA. SUNDAY 21, 1973.**

**NOTICE!** Please mail in your \$3.00 Legislative Assessment for 1973 if you have not already done so. **JACK M. REED**, Secretary-Treasurer.

**PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444**

The next regular meeting of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, January 24, 1973 at 8 p.m. in Hall A, first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**  
1. Regular order of business. Please make every effort to attend this meeting as union meetings are an important part of union membership. **GEORGE A. HESS**, Business manager & Financial Secretary-Treasurer.

**CARPENTERS 36**  
Pursuant to the District Council by-laws, Section 41

paragraph B, an increase in the monthly dues became effective on January 1. The dues are now \$14.75 per month for all working carpenters; there is no increase for the retired members. Please send the correct amount when mailing in dues. **WILSON MASSEY**, financial secretary.

The regular meetings for carpenters Local Union 36 are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at 8460 Enterprise Way, Oakland, California 94621, at 8 p.m. Refreshments are served by the Ladies Auxiliary immediately following each meeting.

2. The hours of the Financial Secretary's office are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Friday the office closes at 1 p.m. Phone 569-3465. **ALLEN L. LINDER**, Recording Secretary.

**HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622**

Attention Carpenter Members —EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1973 dues will be increased \$1.75 per month with the EXCEPTION of RETIRED MEMBERS whose dues will remain the same. JM dues will be — \$15.25 month.

APPRENTICE dues will be — \$15.00 per month.

RETIRED dues are — \$17.25 PER QUARTER.

Please remember your \$1 in January, 1973 for 1973 Blood Bank No. 14.

**MOVING ? ? ? ? ?**

You are required to keep the office of the Financial Secretary notified of your correct place of residence.

Failure to do so, and when mail has been returned to the office, a \$1.00 penalty will be imposed.

This enforces Section No. 44, paragraph I of the General Constitution. **DELBERT BM. BARDWELL**, Financial Secretary.

Our new contract in booklet form is now available at the Finance Office.

Regular meetings are held every second and fourth Thursday at 8:00 p.m. at the hall, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward, California.

Pay your dues at the Financial Secretary's office. It is open at 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. On Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m. until 12 noon.

Members who move should inform the local union of their new addresses. **CHARLES WACK**, Recording Secretary.

**IRON WORKERS 378**

Our Regular Executive Board meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 8 p.m.

Stewards meetings also are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 8 p.m.

OUR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS HELD ON THE 2ND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, 8 P.M.

**MILLMENS UNION 550**

Regular membership meetings are held on the third Friday of each month, at 8

p.m., in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Room 208, Oakland, California 94612.

Members who are laid off from work are reminded to sign the out-of-work list each week. The new list goes up each Friday and is good through Thursday night. **ODUS G. HOWARD**, Financial Secretary.

**PRINTING SPECIALITIES 382**

Meeting second Friday of the month at 8 p.m. Jenny Lind Hall, 2267 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland. **TED E. AHL**, Secretary.

**PRINTING SPECIALITIES 678**

Meeting second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. in Cannery Workers Hall, 492 C Street, Hayward, California. **WILLIAM PRENDEBLE**, Secretary.

**STEAMFITTERS 342**

Steamfitters Local 342 regular meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 8 p.m. at 1010 Shary Court, Concord, California.

Please make every effort to attend. **DOYLE WILLIAMS**, Business Manager & Financial Secretary.

**SHEET METAL WORKERS 216**

The regular meetings are every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple. **FRED HARMON**, Business Manager.

**STEELWORKERS 7616**

Regular membership meetings are held the second Saturday of every month at 9 a.m. at Eagles' Hall, 1228 Thirty-sixth Avenue, Oakland, California. **ESTELLA STEPHENS**, Recording Secretary.

**BARBERS 516**

Regular meetings of Barbers Local 516 are held at 8 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday night of every month, at the Newark Square Barber Shop, 5600 Thornton Ave., Newark. The next meeting will be on Feb. 28.

**CREDIT UNION:** Please get in touch with your Barbers Credit Union as soon as possible if you are going to need funds for either Federal or State income taxes. We can get your application for a loan approved promptly. Don't wait until the deadline to apply. Telephone (415) 452-1333 on Mondays only. **AL DOYLE**, Secretary-treasurer.

**Dental Technicians 99**

The next regular meeting of Dental Technicians Local 99 will be held Friday, February 9, at 8 p.m. at the Townhouse Hotel, 8th and Market Streets, San Francisco. **LEO TURNER**, Business Representative.

**CARPET & LINOLEUM 1290**

The next meeting of the Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Workers, Local 1290, will be held on Thursday, Feb. 22, 8:00 p.m., Hall "C," 2315 Valdez St., Oakland. Please attend.

National Conference Deaths are now due and payable through NC 454 and \$3.50 is now due for Brother John Santos who passed away Jan. 6, 1973.

**Bob Seidel, Rec. Sec.**

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## Government and Service Employees

by Bruce Groulx

The Union finally received an award from the arbitration of Mrs. Faye Hopper. If you can't remember who Faye is, she was a K-4 office clerk who was terminated for insubordination at Treasure Island. She was proven innocent of her first charge of insubordination and received 5 days back pay. Now the Union has started grievance procedures on the second charge of insubordination against Mrs. Hopper.

At Oak Knoll, at last Alameda and the Union have worked out an agreement for the implementation of a 5 day work week. The main store will close on Saturdays and the beverage shop will extend their hours to operation to a whole day on Saturdays. Some of the members will work Monday-Friday and the some will work Tuesday-Saturday. The planned date for this agreement to go into effect is Feb. 24.

**HENDERSON-McGEE ACT Pay Steps**

Under the new Act there will be 5 pay steps based on longevity. It will be broken down into this procedure:

- Step 1. 96 percent of prevailing wage rate.
- Step 2. 100 percent of prevailing wage rate.
- Step 3. 104 percent of prevailing wage rate.
- Step 4. 108 percent of prevailing wage rate.
- Step 5. 112 percent of prevailing wage rate.

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## Lyndon B. Johnson

John F. Henning, executive secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, who served as Under Secretary of Labor and Ambassador to New Zealand during the Johnson years, issued the following statement on the death of former President Lyndon B. Johnson:

"Lyndon Johnson did more for American Blacks than any president since Lincoln. In matters of broad social legislation he achieved more than any president since Franklin Roosevelt.

"The Johnson laws on civil rights, aid to education, Medicare and poverty brought the country into step with the social requirements of the times.

"His policy in Vietnam was intended to stop Communist aggression in Southeast Asia. Stop it he did but only history will tell us where the matter will end.

"Lyndon Johnson was the Original Texan. He was wise, decisive, generous and a patriot of the Alamo style."

AFL-CIO George Meany declared:

"History is certain to record that more progress was made in the field of social good — in education, civil rights, housing, Medicare, to name but a few — in his Administration than in the term of any other President.

"Lyndon Johnson was a compassionate man, a true patriot. He was a firm believer in and protector of freedom and democracy for all men everywhere and he proved it.

"He had faith in and he loved America and that is his truest memorial."

## for better or worse?

There is a difference in style in the eulogies for President Johnson, and it seems to reflect a different assessment of the war that has divided the country and wracked the Democratic Party since President Johnson sailed into his first full term in 1964. His campaign, against Barry Goldwater, including election materials from national COPE, emphasized peace, but, for whatever reason, there was escalation instead. He wanted peace, but, in the Alamo style, not without victory. Most commentators agree that the reaction of voters forced President Johnson to refrain from seeking re-election.

It seems to us now that the war could have been settled many years and millions of lives ago on terms very little different from those now apparently in effect. If it had been, President Johnson's own hopes for the "Great Society" might have been more fruitful; he might have come closer to winning the "war on poverty."

And still, it is right that a man be remembered for his accomplishments. There is no doubt that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was a major contribution to the movement toward equal opportunity for all Americans. The sorrow and praise of Coretta King, the widow of Dr. Martin Luther King, and of Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Dr. King's spiritual heirs in the civil rights movement, were genuine testimony. The solid assistance of Medicare is a foundation stone for a stronger national health care program which surely, in time, will be enacted.



PRES. LYNDON B. JOHNSON, who died Jan. 22, was presented a convention badge at the 1967 AFL-CIO convention in Bal Harbour, Fla., by Federation Pres. George Meany.

## Labor council's role in peace movement

The labor representation in the anti-war march in San Francisco on January 20 was scattered and hard to spot among other protesters, but the Alameda County Central Labor Council was officially represented.

CLC secretary-treasurer Richard L. Groulx marched with his wife, Pat, with assistant secretary Steve Martin and with the CLC Community Services representative, Carl Jaramillo. Groulx also spoke at the concluding rally in the Civic Center.

It was the first time the council had voted for official representation in such an event, but far from the first time it had expressed its opposition to the war in Indo-China.

"Ours was probably the first AFL-CIO council in the country to urge the United States to get out of that war, with the only consideration being the safety of our troops," Groulx said last week. "In a whole series of resolutions, we opposed the bombing of Cambodia, the mining of Haiphong harbor,

and the bombing of North Vietnam.

"The country movement was polarized on the war issue for many years," he added. "You either bought everything the other protesters said or you were a bum, so we stayed out of the other marches. This time we felt that if President Nixon didn't come through with the peace he said was at hand we would have to wait another four years, and it is obvious the country couldn't afford that.

"I hope very much that the apparent peace settlement will be made to stick — at least that there will be no more U.S. military involvement in Indo-China," Groulx said.

### Berkeley confab stalls

The first of two scheduled conferences intended for trade unionists interested in Berkeley politics will probably be the last this season.

One of the participants said there were not enough people attending the meeting at Malcolm X school on January 21 to justify taking any action.

## Meany outlines goals in '73

The AFL-CIO's most important goals in Congress this year are intended, first of all, to help workers — but not at the expense of other citizens. United action by other groups will be needed to achieve improvements.

That was the point emphasized by AFL-CIO President George Meany in outlining labor's legislative aims. His list included:

—Increased job opportunities for the unemployed through continuation of the public service employment program and enactment of an accelerated public works program.

—A just tax system based on ability to pay by closing loopholes that benefit mostly the wealthy.

—A National Health Security program to meet the medical care needs of all the people.

—A foreign trade and investment law to halt the export of U.S. jobs, capital and technology.

—An equitable economic stabilization program for all, or complete abolition of controls.

—Increasing the minimum wage above the poverty level and extending coverage to all workers.

—Mandatory federal standards for unemployment and workmen's compensation laws.

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## Injured pickets to get special dinner awards

Bleeding from ears and nose, Adolph Egeroff, member Electricians 595, tried to crawl to safety after suffering a fractured skull last June 8 while protecting a woman picket at the University of California, but a campus cop restrained him. He has recovered. Egeroff and Al Ryan, of Steamfitters 342 who was also hurt, will get special awards at labor's "Man of the Year" dinner March 2 for their roles in what was then described as a "police riot" against unionists supporting UC workers. The dinner is Alameda County COPE's major event to raise funds for legislative activity and political education.

Named "Man of the year" by a united labor committee is a trio of union leaders who led the Ad Hoc Committee credited with persuading the University administration to settle the dispute. They are Jack Goldberger, named only this month as president of Jt. Council of Teamsters No. 7 (succeeding Joseph Diviny); James Herman, president of ILWU Ships Clerks 34; and Morris Weisberger, secretary-treasurer of Sailors Union of the Pacific.

The dinner will be held at the Holiday House in Hayward. Tickets are now available, at \$25 a plate, from the Central Labor Council; telephone 444-6510 for



reservations and greeting ads in the dinner program.

## Murphy heads UC custodians

Henry Murphy has been re-elected president of Local 371 of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) in what could hardly be called a contest. Only two votes were cast for his challenger.

Also elected on January 13 were: vice-president, Charlie Davis; executive board members S. S. Martinez, Dominic Palumbo, and Bruce Browning; trustee, Jude DeBos; and sergeant-at-arms, Allen Manning.

## Fed sets parley on environment

An important conference on organized labor's role in environmental reform will be held at the Del Webb Townhouse in San Francisco on March 7-8.

All affiliates are urged to be represented at it.

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## Teachers 771: method in their math

The Oakland Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 771, is starting a series of workshops on new ideas in education with a session on teaching math, to be held this Saturday, Feb. 3, at Technical High School.

Starting at 1 p.m., the workshop will be sparked by a nationally known mathematician, John L. Kelley, who has been working with graduate students at the University of California on methods of teaching mathematics to elementary and junior high school students. Dr. Kellev is a member of AFT Local 1474.

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## Big year for bargaining

More big contracts will be negotiated in 1973 than last year, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports. Major bargaining starts in April when contracts covering 107,000 General Electrical Workers expire. Westinghouse follows in May. Big auto contracts, covering 570,000 workers at Chrysler, Ford and General Motors, come up in September. Oil industry contracts now being wrapped up are holdovers from the 1972 schedule.

Other new contracts scheduled for negotiations in 1973 include those for 550,000 railroad workers, 500,000 local and over-the-road truck drivers, 200,000 garment workers, 200,000 meat packing and other food-processing workers, about 500,000 construction workers, and 100,000 farm implement manufacturing workers.

## Apprentice age limit now 31 in state, officials rule

Californians through age 31 are eligible to enter apprenticeship programs approved by the State Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS), if they meet other requirements.

This raises the upper age limit of some apprenticeship programs and brings the various programs into conformity with each other. DAS chief James Stratten observed that the decision "keeps alive apprenticeship opportunities for many persons who had become ineligible due to age."

It also aids returning Viet Nam veterans who might have been considered too old to enter programs under standards in effect until now.

opinion of the State Attorney General was requested by the State Administrator of Apprenticeship to resolve the 27-year-old veteran's appeal of a turndown by a Joint Apprenticeship Committee because of age.

The veteran's appeal was upheld.

A NEW LAW affecting apprenticeship opportunities on public works projects goes into effect on March 1. It will require state agencies and other political subdivisions awarding contracts to notify the DAS. This will allow the DAS staff to monitor more closely the hiring ration of one apprentice for every five journeymen and check job openings given minorities.

The law exempts from this requirement those prime contracts that are for less than \$30,000 or for jobs that end in less than 20 days.

## SCIENCE IS SOLVING THE RESOURCE RECOVERY PROBLEM

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Everybody talks about ecology and the problems of waste disposal. Now science and new technology are doing something about it.

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The photo above shows a machine at a new municipal resource recovery center, located in Franklin, Ohio. It takes all the garbage of the community, processes it and recycles the residue of paper, metal and glass into usable material. It even separates the glass according to its original color. A larger plant will be built in Hempstead, New York, which will process 2,000 tons of garbage daily. The recoverable products are expected to pay a substantial part of the cost of pick-up and recovery.

With the world's supply of natural resources known to be limited, it makes no sense to simply put millions of tons of waste into landfills (an expensive and limited operation) when it is obvious

that technology can take our nation's refuse and recycle it for further use. At the same time, the incinerating process can supply cities with much needed steam and electricity.

Similar plants are being planned with government aid in other areas. In Connecticut a \$100,000,000 statewide system will serve many communities which are rapidly running out of landfill sites. In Delaware a \$10,000,000 disposal plant will mix 1,000 tons of solid waste a day with sewage to produce a rich sanitary humus for fertilizer. It will turn out 200 tons of humus a day, 34 tons of metals, 24 tons of glass, 8 tons of paper and 85 tons of hydrocarbon gases.

The taxing or banning of no-deposit bottles and cans has been found to be no solution, as was evidenced when a leading bottler produced 14 million bottles with a 5¢ deposit and found that people did not bring them back. In six months they had all disappeared.

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